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## BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF: BASIN ELECTRICAL POWER COOPERATIVE DRY FORK STATION, AIR PERMIT CT-4631

Docket No. 07-2801

## ANNEX

## TO THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Respondent, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), through the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Wyoming and pursuant to WYO. R. CIV. P. rule 56.1 and the DEQ Rules of Practice and Procedure, Chapter II, sections 3 and 14, hereby submits the following statement of material facts as to which the DEQ contends there is no genuine issue to be tried:

- 1. On November 10, 2005, Basin submitted its air construction permit application to Wyoming DEQ to construct the Dry Fork Station (DFS). The permit application starts the BACT review process in which the DEQ/AQD reviews the applicant's BACT analysis, asks questions and requests additional information. The DEQ/AQD continues reviewing information and asking questions until assured that the application is technically complete. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit D.
- 2. As a part of the application, Basin conducted an analysis of the air quality impacts on Class I areas located within 300 kilometers of the proposed DFS.

*See* Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit D at DEQ Bates No. 000138 (modeling discussion).

- 3. Based on the results of Basin's significance analysis at the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation (NCIR), a cumulative 24-hour SO<sub>2</sub> increment consumption analysis was conducted at the NCIR Class I area to determine whether Class I SO<sub>2</sub> 24-hour increment was exceeded at any receptor within the NCIR for any 24-hour period in the three years that were modeled. Three years of meteorological data were used (2001, 2002, and 2003) in these modeling analyses. See Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit D at DEQ Bates No. 000138.
- 4. On December 21, 2005, after completing an initial review of the Permit Application, the DEQ/AQD sent a Completeness Review for Permit Application No. 1 to Basin (Completeness Review No. 1) requesting in part that Basin address the technical feasibility and cost effectiveness of achieving more stringent SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and PM<sub>10</sub> BACT short term emission limits for the PC Boiler, and rerun the Class II PM<sub>10</sub> annual modeling analysis with a different meteorological data set and address other modeling issues. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit E.
- On or about March 6, 2006, the DEQ/AQD received Basin's response to Completeness Review No. 1, including additional SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> BACT analyses and additional modeling information (Basin Response No.1). See Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit F.
- 6. On March 28, 2006, the DEQ/AQD issued its second Completeness Review (Completeness Review No. 2) requesting Basin model Colstrip Units #3 and #4 using the short-term permitted SO<sub>2</sub> emission rates (also referred to as "maximum allowable" or "potential to emit") for those sources, providing Basin with a 1 kilometer (km) receptor grid to be used in further modeling analyses for the NCIR, and requesting additional information on the condensable particulate emission rates from the boiler. See Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit G.
- On May 3, 2006, the DEQ/AQD issued its third Completeness Review (Completeness Review No. 3) noting that it had reviewed Basin Response No. 1, and requesting Basin address NO<sub>x</sub> emission levels of 0.03 lb/million British thermal units (MMBtu) and 0.035 lb/MMBtu in the BACT analysis for the auxiliary boiler, and provide a BACT analysis for mercury. See Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit H.
- 8. On May 30, 2006, the DEQ/AQD issued its fourth Completeness Review (Completeness Review No. 4) noting that it had further reviewed the NO<sub>x</sub> and

 $SO_2$  BACT analysis submitted in Basin Response No. 1, and requesting Basin address the technical feasibility and cost effectiveness of a NO<sub>x</sub> emission level of 0.05 lb/MMBtu, 30-day average limit and a SO<sub>2</sub> emission level of 0.07 lb/MMBTU, 30-day average using a circulating dry scrubber (CDS) and a SO<sub>2</sub> emission level of 0.06 lb/MMBtu, 30-day average using wet flue gas desulfurization (FGD). See Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit I.

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- 9. On June 14, 2006, Basin submitted its response to Completeness Review No. 2 providing additional modeling analyses and discussions of PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from the main boiler. The results of the additional modeling analyses showed that the modeled impacts based on the permitted short-term emission rates for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 exceeded the Class I SO<sub>2</sub> 24-hour increment at the NCIR. See Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit J at DEQ Bates No. 000632.
- 10. DEQ analyzed the instances in which there were modeled exceedences of the Class I SO<sub>2</sub> increment at NCIR and compared those impacts to the modeled 24-hour SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations determined from DFS's significance analysis to evaluate if the modeled exceedences occurred at receptors and time periods when the Dry Fork plant also had a significant impact at NCIR receptors. Based on this analysis, DEQ determined that DFS would not significantly contribute to any modeled increment exceedence because the modeled exceedences did not occur at receptor locations and time periods in which the modeled exceedences were predicted. *See* Rairigh Aff., at ¶ 40, *see also* Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit J at DEQ Bates No. 000632.
- 11. On July 17, 2006, the DEQ/AQD received Basin's response to Completeness Review No. 3 (Basin Response No. 3), addressing mercury (Hg) and noting that a true top down BACT analysis was not possible for three reasons: a) control technologies for mercury are still in the developmental stage; b) cost effectiveness analysis is not possible without current technology alternatives and cost information; and, c) commercially available mercury control systems and associated vendor guarantees are very limited. Basin proposed a mercury optimization study for the DFS. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff. ¶ 22, *see also* Schlichtemeier Aff. Exhibit K.
- 12. On June 11, 2007, the DEQ/AQD received Basin's response to our April 20, 2007 request for additional information noting that Basin had previously submitted a "Coal Power Plant Technology Evaluation for Dry Fork Station" prepared by CH2MHill (dated November 1, 2005) and was preparing an additional analysis addressing Supercritical and Ultrasupercritical boilers. See

Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit T at DEQ/AQD Bates Nos. 004182-004240 (copy of CH2MHill evaluation)

- 13. On October 15, 2007, the DEQ/AQD issued its response to comments including its determination that a permit would be issued to Basin allowing construction of the DFS (DEQ Response to Comments and Decision). See Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit T.
- 14. On October 15, 2007, the DEQ issued air quality construction permit No. CT-4631 (Permit) to Basin for the DFS. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit U.
- 15. While EPA has proposed Class I SILs to be used as a tool to avoid costly analyses, the use of Class I SILs has not been finalized by EPA. However, DEQ/AQD employs the Class I SILs and associated guidance on applying the SILs to Class I issues based on the reasoning that a *de minimis* threshold is needed to screen out potentially insignificant sources. See Rairigh Aff., ¶ 22.
- 16. Protestants' expert witness admitted that most permitting agencies use Class I SILs in the permitting process. Deposition of Khanh Tran at page 51: 15-18 (August 12, 2008).
- 17. Protestants' expert witness was not aware of any permitting agency which does not use Class I SILs in the permitting process. Deposition of Khanh Tran at page 52: 20-25, 53: 1-4.
- Protestants' expert witness admitted that DEQ properly considered all sources of SO<sub>2</sub> for the SO<sub>2</sub> increment calculation. Deposition of Khanh Tran at page 20: 22-25, 21: 1-4.
- 19. Protestants' expert witness admitted that DEQ did not improperly rely on revised modeling results supplied by the applicant. Deposition of Khanh Tran at page 20: 22-25, 21: 1-4.
- 20. DEQ/AQD's BACT analysis and the range of emission limits and control measures considered in that analysis is driven by the definition of the facility proposed by the applicant. BACT is determined on a case-by-case basis. In this case, Basin proposed a mine-mouth 422 megawatt (MW)(gross)/ 385MW (net) pulverized coal-fired (PC) electric power generating unit. Therefore, the DEQ/AQD conducted a site-specific BACT analysis for DFS. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff., ¶ 34.
- 21. Subcritical pulverized coal-fired electric power generating units, CFB, Supercritical, Ultrasupercritical, and IGCC sources are not control technologies, they are examples of various types of major source facilities that generate electric power. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff., ¶ 45.

- 22. DEQ's policy is to not require a redefinition of the source in the BACT analysis. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff., ¶¶ 34-36, ¶ 47.
- 23. EPA policy does not require redefinition of the source in the BACT analysis. *See* Schlichtemeier Aff., Exhibit B, at B-13.
- 24. EQC precedent does not require redefinition of the source. See Exhibit 7.
- 25. DEQ follows EPA's PM<sub>10</sub> Surrogate Policy. See Schlichtemeier Aff., ¶ 48.
- 26. The modeling results showed that the total  $PM_{10}$  concentrations were below the  $PM_{10}$  NAAQS and less than the Class II SILs both the  $PM_{10}$  24-hour and annual averaging periods. *See* Permit Application analysis at 12, Analysis of Public Comments at 21-22.

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I hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of the foregoing ANNEX TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT through United States mail, postage prepaid on this the  $2n\lambda$  day of Suprember., 2008 to the following:

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